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A Treatise on the Law of Negotiable Instruments. Fifth edition.

By John W. Daniel and Charles A. Douglass. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York. 1903. 2 vol., pp. 1937, sheep.

This work is so widely and generally known as the standard authority on the law of negotiable instruments as to require little comment. This fifth edition, re-edited and enlarged with notes and references to American and English cases, meets the want for a book on this subject, brought down to date and containing the many important cases that have been decided in the past twelve years. Though the text of the earlier editions remains in the main unchanged, it has been necessary to add new paragraphs, because of new laws such as the 1898 Stamp Act and because of new diversities in the forms of negotiable instruments. We notice many changes made and many new cases cited in Chap. XI on "Banks and other Agents for Negotiation or Collection," in which in at least one instance the author says he is convinced that his views, as given in previous editions, are erroneous. Some thirty-five hundred new cases have been embodied in this edition, such cases being carefully selected from the decisions of the highest courts in all parts of the English-speaking world. Since the fourth edition was published in 1891, Mr. Daniel's hope, expressed in the preface to the first edition of 1876, has been realized in the "New Negotiable Instruments Law" now adopted by so many States. This new statute is given in full in the appendix.

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The Elements of the Law of Negotiable Instruments. By John W.

Daniel and Chas. A. Douglass. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1903. Cloth, pp. 418.

This book is based upon "Daniel on Negotiable Instruments" and is designed and adapted particularly for the use of students in law schools. The general arrangement and classification follow in the main that of Mr. Daniel in his larger work on this subject, but of necessity many chapters of the latter have been entirely omitted, and others have been much condensed and re-arranged.

We would commend this work for its clearness, brevity and conciseness, and think that it should prove invaluable to students and to others who desire to familiarize themselves with the law of negotiable instruments without resorting to the more voluminous treatises on that subject.

A great number of the more important cases are cited in the foot-notes, which have the peculiarity of containing the bare citation, without any comment or any reference to the scope and effect of the decisions. The appendix contains the full text of the "New Negotiable Instruments Law," first enacted by New York in 1897, and since adopted by many other States.

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The Writings of John James Ingalls: Essays, Addresses and Orations. Arranged and authorized by Mrs. J. J. Ingalls and Wm. E. Connelly. Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company, Kansas City, Mo. 1902. 8 vol., pp. 536, cloth. Illustrated.